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TO : AD/ONE  
 ATTENTION: [ ] Staff Assistant  
 FROM : Director of Security

DATE: OCT 21 1953

SUBJECT: Distribution Abroad of the National Intelligence Digest

REFERENCE: Memo from Staff Assistant, O/NE to D of S dtd 7 Oct 53 -  
 Subject as Above

1. The reference asked the advice of this Office concerning the release of various sections of the National Intelligence Digest to ten overseas Senior Representatives. The reference stated that one copy of the NID had previously been sent to the Senior Representative [ ] It is understood from a telephone conversation between [ ] of this Office and [ ] that the release of the NID to General Truscott was approved by the then DD/I in March 1953. The reason for this release was to permit General Truscott to brief Mr. Bohlen, newly appointed Ambassador to Moscow, during Bohlen's visit [ ]

2. The NID is a TS publication and a foreword states that since this Digest is a compilation of a large number of TOP SECRET documents, its sensitivity is greater than that of an individual TOP SECRET document or national intelligence estimate. From an examination of the NID, it is a distillation of all national intelligence estimates on a world-wide basis. This Digest, therefore, is a condensation of the end-product of the intelligence estimating function of this Agency.

3. From the standpoint of security, this Office recommends that the NID receive no distribution overseas. To comply with the request of the DD/P, it is suggested that the NID be available for examination and review within this country when SR's return for visits.

4. It is further recommended that the Senior Representative [ ] be instructed to either return the copy of the NID to Headquarters or to destroy it by burning; if the latter is done, that a Certificate of Destruction be forwarded to Headquarters.

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 Colonel, GSC

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